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SUBJECT: US-EGYPTIAN JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL

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1. CHAIRMAN MURPHY HAS EVIDENTLY MADE FIRM DECISION PARTICIPATE IN DEBRIEFING SESSION FOR US SECTION OF JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL. MEETING IS NOW SET FOR 10:00 A.M. ON OCT 20. OTHER PARTICIPANTS FROM COUNCIL WILL BE CONSIDINE (NATIONAL CAN) AND PIERCY (EXXON) WITH POSSIBILITY OF ATTENDANCE BY HIGGERSON (CHASE) AND HANSON (DEERE).

2. QUESTION NOW REMAINING IS WHERE SESSION WILL BE HELD. BREWER REPORTS THAT MURPHY ET AL ARE TOTALLY FLEXIBLE ON THIS POINT, ASKING ONLY THAT THEY AND/OR THEIR OFFICES BE NOTIFIED DURING COURSE OF THIS WEEK. MESSAGES CAN BE PASSED VIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN WASHINGTON (MR. OAKLEY 659-6116), AND EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED ASAP SINCE BREWER WILL BE IN CAIRO UNTIL FRIDAY.

3. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEBRIEFING TAKE PLACE UNDER AUSPEICES OF DEPT, AS MENTIONED REFTEL. GROUPS LISTED ABOVE INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE AMONG MOST ACTIVE AND OUTSPOKEN ON US SIDE, AND WHO ARE AT SAME TIME VERY INTERESTED IN CONVEYING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR IMPRESSIN BACK TO USG. DEPT'S SPONSORSHIP WOULD HELP

INSURE BEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION, IN TERMS OF BOTH LEVEL AND BREADTH, FROM USG.

4. ON RELATED MATTER, BREWER REPORTS THAT MURPHY HOPES TO HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT SADAT IN US, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE CONVEY, IN MORE APPROPRIATE SITUATION, CONCERNS OF US SIDE THAT COULD NOT BE MENTIONED WHEN THEY MET IN CAIRO. (WIVES AND PRESS WERE PRESENT). THIS BEARS OUT EMBASSY'S PRELIMINARY BELIEF, TO BE COVERED IN SEPTEL, THAT US SIDE DOUBTS IT MANAGED TO SUFFICIENTLY IMPRESS ON EGYPTIAN COUNTERPARTS DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS ABOUT INVESTMENT CLIMATE HERE, AND ADDS FURTHER WEIGHT TO UTILITY OF DEBRIEFING SESSION.
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